Justification for Charging Fee from Failing Students in Private Medical and Dental Colleges

1735. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Private Medical and Dental Colleges of India, students failing in one or more subjects at annual examination have to pay a tuition fee;

(b) if so, the rate of tuition fee per subject;

(c) whether it is a fact that no such fee is charged in Government medical and dental colleges; and

(d) if so, what is the justification, if any, for such a discriminatory treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) The fee in private medical and dental colleges is being regulated as per the directions of the Supreme Court. There is no such provisions in these directions.

Recognition of Degree of Bachelor of Dentistry by Foreign Universities

1736. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Degree of Bachelor of Dentistry (BDS) recognised by the Indian Government and Dental Council of India is not recognised by many foreign universities;

(b) if so, details of the foreign universities which recognise this degree and of those which do not recognise it; and

(c) the details of scholarships offered by foreign universities to Indian students for MDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) The Information will be collected and laid down on the table of the House.

Central Fund to Gujarat for Specialised Medical Treatment to the Poor

1737. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing Central funds to the State Government of Gujarat for extending specialised medical treatment to the poor against life threatening diseases;

(b) if so, the details for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to provide specialised treatment to poor in the State suffering from fatal diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) It has been decided that Central Govt. would provide assistance to every State/U.T. (with Legislature) who set up an Illness Assistance Fund. The contribution made by the concerned State/U.T. to such a Fund (which will be a registered Society) will be supplemented by a grant-in-aid from Central Govt. to an extent of 50% of the contribution made by the State Govt./U.T. Admn., subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 crores for States which have the larger portion of population living below poverty line and Rs. 2 crores for other States/UTs. This fund would release financial assistance upto Rs. 1.5 lakhs in an individual case to patients, below poverty line, living in India, suffering from life-threatening diseases for undergoing medical treatment in any super-speciality hospital/Institutes or other Govt./private hospitals participating in the Scheme. Government of Gujarat may also set up an Illness

Assistance Fund, as per guidelines circulated to all States/UTs and qualify for grant-in-aid mentioned above.

(b) and (c) Since the Scheme has been notified recently vide Ministry of Health & F.W. Resolution dated 13.1.97, (published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) (Part I—Section I) (No. 9) the question of information for the last 3 years therefore, does not arise.

(d) The details of the Scheme have been notified in the Gazette of India, as stated above.

Upgradation of the Nagaland T.B. Hospital as National T.B. and Chest Hospital

1738. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nagaland T.B. Hospital which is constructed engrossing the area of Manipur can be upgraded as the national T.B. and Chest hospital in the interest of North-Eastern States so as to take care of border people of Manipur and Nagaland; and

(b) if not, whether a new advanced medical centres can be opened in this border area where the environmental condition is good for human treatment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) the Central Government has no scheme for upgrading TB Hospitals under the State Governments or for setting up of new advanced medical centres in the country.

Hospitals in the Capital with Heart Surgery Facility

1739. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Heart Surgery—Poor has now here to go" appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 11th February, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of hospitals in the capital having the facility of Heart Surgery;

(d) the number of persons operated in these hospitals during last one year; and

(e) what efforts are being made to provide surgery at affordable cost to poor strata of the society and whether Government could exercise some control on the cost of surgery?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The specialised hospitals like All India Institute of Medical Sciences and G.B. Pant Hospital do not charge any operation fees or doctors fee, but the patient has to pay the actual charges for the materials and consumables required for the operation.

(c) The names of the hospitals in capital having the facility of heart surgery is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(d) The number of operations of heart surgery performed in 1996 in Government hospitals are as under:—

1. All India Instt. of Medical Sciences	—2391
2. G.B. Pant Hospital	627
3. Safdarjung Hospital	150
4. Dr. R. M. L. Hospital	44*

The reliable statistical data is not available relating to heart surgeries performed by private hospitals.

*Close heart surgery.